



**Upper Uwchlan Township
Park & Recreation Board**

Minutes

February 24, 2009

6:30 pm

In Attendance: Elaine Benson, Secretary; Robert Phillips, Chairman; Steve Beckman, Vice-Chairman; David Calvaresi, Member; Jack Carpenter, Member; Dan Driscoll, Member; Al Gaspari, Township Staff; Kris Kuzmick, Member; Cruz Sigala, Resident.

Call to Order: Bob called the meeting to Order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes:

Dan made a Motion, seconded by Al, to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2009. It was so moved.

Reports on Committees:

1. DARC-

Steve reported that although numbers are down a little at DARC, they are good financially. They are working on their upcoming programs and looking at new ways to advertise. Kris has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the new DARC representative and he and Steve will attend the next DARC meeting on March 5, 2009.

2. Trails Committee-

Elaine noted a letter from John Good, Township Solicitor, had been received with his legal opinion on the matter of plowing trails of snow. After slight discussion, a memo will be forwarded from this Board to the Board of Supervisors recommending this action. Bob noted he and Elaine will be attending a "town trails conference" in March; afterwards, a meeting will be held to ascertain the status of trails already done and those to be dedicated and then develop a list of "priorities" for any missing links that we would like in preparation of the 2010 budget.

3. Project Update-

Al noted the following:

TU1-Al stated the bid openings were held today and that Gilmore will be making a recommendation. The bids ranged from about \$154,000 to over \$200,000. A meeting was held with Lee Snodgrass from the Downingtown Area School District who didn't seem to feel the use of their parking lot would be an issue for their Facilities Department.

Fellowship Fields-Al stated again that a soils test will be performed and that he will be following up with an electrical engineer to design the specs for the lighting. This year work at this site will consist of the foundations, conduits and the irrigation system, which may include a well. Al stated he has spoken with someone from Penn State's turf management company and that he has offered to take a look at Fellowship Fields and make some suggestions.

VPP-Elaine noted that a resident has requested some more time to review the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan and is hoping that this plan can be adopted in April so we can fulfill our grant obligations.

Park Road Trail-Elaine noted that PennDOT is waiting on some recalculations of the final bridge plans and once received, a meeting will be held. We are hoping for PennDOT to give final approval and possibly begin this project this year. Phase IV of this trail which is from the bridge to Marsh Creek State Park will also be worked on this year-there is some tweaking of the engineering to be done now that we are going to continue on the north side of Park Road-and hope to have PennDOT's approval this year for construction of this phase in 2010.

Unfinished Business:

Elaine noted the newsletter article about the 2009 Community Events is included in tonight's packet.

Field schedules have been finalized, some fees have been collected already and permits are in the process of being mailed out.

New Business:

The Board discussed the recent turfing of Field 2 at Hickory Park. A suggestion was made, and unanimously agreed upon, to install a post and rail fence to protect the fields from any future damage. Al noted that a 4' split rail fence will cost about \$3000 and the public works department can install this. The Board requested Elaine forward a memorandum recommending this action to the Supervisors.

Elaine noted the Upland Farm survey, at last check, had 358 hits and 296 responses. The survey ends at the end of the month and she will give a final report next month.

Announcements:

Cruz Sigala noted he will be meeting with the Supervisors next week and looks forward to joining the Park and Recreation Board.

Open Session:

Al noted that Public Works will now be mowing the fields and two seasonal employees will be hired to accomplish this. Public Works has purchased a trailer that will house two new mowers and make it easier to transport them from site to site.

Our next meeting will be held on March 24, 2009.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be discussed, Steve made a Motion, seconded by David, to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Benson,
Secretary